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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Session with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations
Committee Staff on the FY73 Budget, 5 April 1972

PRESENT: Messrs. Woodruff, Colby, Tweedy, Maury, [redacted]
[redacted] and Briggs

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1. Woodruff arrived alone, Ralph Preston of the House Appropriations Committee Staff having cancelled at the last minute because of illness. A flip-chart presentation was given in the OPPB tank, expanding on the FY73 Budget (Green book "House Notes") which both Woodruff and Preston had received. After about 1-1/2 hours of informal presentation, questions and philosophic debate (the latter on [redacted] and the inclusion of an open total intelligence dollar figure in the Federal Budget), Woodruff visited Bronson Tweedy's office with Maury, [redacted] Briggs and Don Steininger, then he stayed on for lunch.

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2. The major items from the visit included the following:

b. His equally strongly stated views about the desirability of opening up for Senate awareness in toto, or at least for the entire Appropriations Committee, the total dollar figure reflecting Intelligence Community costs. He was not convinced by the Pandora's box argument and felt that, even if we could continue to conceal it for another year or so, it will eventually have to be revealed to the entire Senate (if not the public). He feels strongly that it would be to our advantage to have the

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total figures released. He said that he had a letter from Senator Symington on his desk, asking for both the total figure and the component figures (CIA, NSA, etc.) He stated that, in the past when Senator Symington had asked Senator Ellender for this information, his request was directly refused.

c. Although he repeated his desire to reduce the visibility of the "black budget" (i.e., the new National Intelligence Program budget), he stated flatly that the DCI should include in it anything which he thought needed to be there, even if it raised the total. Specifically, he thought that the [redacted] belonged there; on the other hand, he didn't think the weather satellites did.

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d. He repeated his statement that he was looking to cut [redacted] from the Intelligence Community budget and said that CIA would have to be cut [redacted]. He asked our opinion on where such a cut might be made and we indicated [redacted].

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e. He outlined the schedule for the Intelligence Community hearings [apparently now not likely]. Responding to questions concerning the Agency presentation on technical collection in view of both the Director's Community testimony and the separate NRO testimony, he advised stressing the value of NRO to the Agency.

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